

**SUMMARY OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
ARIZONA STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**HELD ON
Friday, September 9, 2005
9:30 a.m., MST**

The External Affairs Committee (EAC) of the Arizona State Retirement System (ASRS) met in regular session in the 14th Floor Conference Room of the ASRS Office, 3300 North Central Avenue, Phoenix, AZ, 85012. Mr. Jaime Gutierrez, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

This meeting was teleconferenced to the ASRS Tucson office at 7660 East Broadway Boulevard, Suite 108, Tucson, Arizona, 85710.

1. Call to Order; Roll Call; Opening Remarks

Present: Mr. Jaime Gutierrez, Chairperson
Mr. Steven Zeman, Vice Chairperson
Dr. Keith Meredith
Excused: Mr. Christopher Harris

A quorum of the Committee was present for the purpose of conducting business.

2. Approval of Minutes of the May 6, 2005, EAC Meeting

Dr. Meredith moved that the External Affairs Committee approve the May 6, 2005 EAC minutes.

Mr. Zeman seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

- 3. Presentation and Discussion of the Recently Filed Notice of Rulemaking Docket Openings.** Ms. Nancy O. Johnson, ASRS Rules Coordinator, provided an update on the Notices of Rule making Docket Openings that have recently been filed, including R2-8-115, and Articles 6, Public Participation in Rule making, 7- Contributions Not Withheld, 8- Employer Membership, and 10- LTD Actuarial Assumptions.
- 4. Presentation, Discussion and Appropriate Action Regarding the Proposed Rulemaking for Public Participation in Rule making.** Ms. Nancy O. Johnson recommended to the Committee that it request Board approval of the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking for Public Participation in Rulemaking.

5. Presentation, Discussion and Appropriate Action Regarding Other Introduced or Possible State Legislation for the 2005 Legislative Session Relating to the ASRS.

Mr. Patrick Klein, External Affairs Assistant Director, Ms. Denisse Gee, Government Relations Officer, presented an update of the status of legislation for the 2006 Legislative Session and public policy issues relating to the business of the ASRS including:

- a) **Change in 38-748 dealing with the Modified DROP program options**
- b) **Change in Laws 1995, Chapter 32, Section 24, as amended by Laws 1999, Chapter 66, Section 1, and dealing with System Members**
- c) **Change in 38-718 to modify current investment manager qualifications requirements**
- d) **Change in 38-749 dealing with retirement incentive options**
- e) **Change in 38-740 dealing with the refund of ER contributions to a non-retired member**
- f) **Change in Title 38, Article 2.1 the LTD program**
- g) **Change in 36-2901 dealing with contracts that the AHCCCS HealthCare Group are allowed to bid on**
- h) **Change in 38-762 dealing with interest accrued on survivor benefits**
- i) **Change in 38-760 to limit the pop-up/pop-down benefit**
- j) **Change in 38-7602.B.2 dealing with the naming a beneficiary for an ASRS member who has chosen the period certain annuity option.**

6. Future EAC Agenda Items

- 1.) The next EAC will be on Friday, October 7, 2005, at 10:00 a.m.
- 2.) Continued discussion of the ASRS bills and other related bills.

7. Call to the Public

No members of the public addressed the Committee.

8. Adjournment of the ASRS External Affairs Committee

Mr. Gutierrez moved that the External Affairs Committee adjourn.

Dr. Meredith seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Jaime Gutierrez, Chairperson of the EAC adjourned the September 9, 2005 meeting at 11:50 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Michelle Fink
Secretary

Date

Paul Matson
ASRS Director

Date